ID) me total value of imports made from the following three companies individually: (i) Marktec Micro Technologies. Inc., (iii) Ironies; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the \items imported from these companies were not manufactured or dealt with by these companies earlier?

THE MINISTER. OF STEEL. AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHMGE OS* THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) Total value import sanctioned for the C-DOT project is Rs. 20 crores in foreign exchange:

(b) Total value of imports mate from the three companies ares stated below:

		US Dollars
Marktec USA	USA .	50.636
Mjcrp Technologies Inc		71,970
Ironies USA ~.		

The total value of imports from the three . companies comes to about Rs.' 28.2 lakhs in foreign exchange at the exchange rate prevalent at the time of import.

(c) The items imported from these companies were either manufactured br dealt with by these companies earlier.

Withdrawal cases related to purchase of Czech pistols 233. SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATIL: will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased fo state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several cases launched by Government against some officials Serf the Ministry in the purchase of Czech pistols have been withdrawn;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(e) whether any senior member of the Cabinet was found involved in this case?

THE MINISTER OF HOMI AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) No, Si*

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) CBI is still continuing' invest* gation.

Loss to ship owners due to holding of Cargo Ships at ports

234. SHRl KAMAL MORARKA; Will the Minister of SURFACI TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a> whether it is a fact that Carg< Ships are being held up at the pott due to shortage of certificated offices consequently increasing snlp-owMMa operating coste;

(b> if so, what fe the quantum o losses being incurred by them oft tibi account; and

(e) what remedial measures as being taken by Government to remon the anomally

THE MINISTER OF SURFACJ TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY *O.* COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. 1 UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) and (b) Th Indian National Shipowners Associ tion has estimated the total number of ships days lost by Indian sMl owners for want of certificate officers to be around 335 during tit period, from July, 1989 to January 1990. They have also estimated th! the average loss per ship day to account of standing charges is aroui Rs. I lakh.

(c) The following important rem dial measures have (been taken 1 Government to ameliorate the shor age of certificated officers'.

(1) Intake of cadets for trains in pre-sea training institutions vi T.S. "Rajendra" for Nautical Office and D.M.E.T. for Engineer Office has been increased to their ft capacity from 1988 onwards.